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SUBJ: POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS: UNIVERSITY STRIKE CALLED

REF: LISBON 3928 (DTG 171723Z MAY 77)

SUMMARY: STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LISBON VOTED
MAY 19 TO BEGIN A GENERAL STRIKE IN SUPPORT OF COIMBRA
UNIVERSITY STUDENTS. THE STRIKE MOTION IS A VICTORY FOR
THE PCP, A MAJOR FORCE BEHIND STUDENT UNREST, AND A
SETBACK FOR EDUCATION MINISTER CARDIA. END SUMMARY.

1. LISBON UNIVERSITY STRIKE: IN A MAY 19 PLENARY MEETING,
STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LISBON VOTED TO BEGIN A
GENERAL STRIKE ON WED MAY 25 UNLESS STUDENT DEMANDS WERE
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SATISFIED IN THE MEANTIME BY EDUCATION MINISTRY. STUDENT
DEMANDS INCLUDE "JUSTICE" FOR OPORTO AND COIMBRA STUDENTS; AN
END TO RESTRICTED ADMISSIONS; AND LOCAL, INSTEAD OF NATIONAL,
END-OF-YEAR HIGH SCHOOL EXAMS. IN ANOTHER MAY 19
DEVELOPMENT, STUDENTS OCCUPIED THE ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICES OF THE LISBON PSYCHOLOGY FACULTY. A MINISTRY
SPOKESMAN, EXPLAINING WHY NO POLICE WERE CALLED IN,

STATED THAT THE REAL STUDENT OBJECTIVE WAS TO PROVOKE POLICE RETAILIATION AND THUS FURTHER INFLAME STUDENT SITUATION.

2. CUNHAL DROPS OUT: PCP SECRETARY-GENERAL ALVARO CUNHAL, THE MAN WHO PROMISED FALLACI "THERE WOULD BE NO PARLIAMENT IN PORTUGAL" RESIGNED HIS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SEAT ON MAY 19. CUNHAL HAD ALREADY BEEN ON PROLONGED LEAVE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

3. DOS SANTOS BLASTS COMMUNISTS: CENTRAL MILITARY REGION COMMANDER HUGO DOS SANTOS, WHO SEVERAL MONTHS AGO ATTACKED COMMUNIST SUBVERSION IN HIS REGION, ISSUED ANOTHER CLEAR WARNING TO THE PCP IN A MAY 19 SPEECH TO THE TOMAR INFANTRY REGIMENT. DOS SANTOS, A CLOSE COLLABORATOR OF PRESIDENT EANES, SAID:

-- PCP BEHIND EARLIER AGITATION: THE COLLECTIVE MADNESS WHICH RAINED IN THE COUNTRY DURING THE GONCALVES PERIOD WAS PART OF A PCP PLAN.

-- NO FUTURE MANIPULATION: "I WILL NOT TOLERATE ANY ATTEMPTS TO MANIPULATE THE MILITARY. I WILL COMBAT ALL ILLEGAL PARTISAN ACTIVITIES WHICH SEEK TO DISTURB PUBLIC ORDER OR CREATE INSTABILITY."

4. COMMENT: THE LISBON UNIVERSITY STRIKE MOTION REPRESENTED A VICTORY FOR PCP, A MAJOR FORCE BEHIND THE STUDENT UNREST. IT WAS A SETBACK FOR EDUCATION MINISTER SOTTOMAYOR CARDIA WHO HAD BEEN MANEUVERING TO HEAD IT OFF IN ORDER TO CONFINE HIS PROBLEMS TO THE CONFIDENTIAL

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